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OUTSTANDING DUES OF RAILWAY FROM POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(b) whether non-realization of earnings from power sector is a major concern of Indian Railways;

(c) if so, the total outstanding dues to be recorded from various power stations as on date; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to recover the outstanding deus from these power Stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir. Accrual and realization of freight is a continuous process.

(b) Total outstanding dues to be recovered from power houses/State Electricity Boards (SEBs) upto December 2004 are Rs.1754.01 crore.

(c) Steps taken/being taken by the Government to recover the outstanding dues from these power Stations are: -
1) Powerhouses are being encouraged to follow the scheme for pre-payment of freight for carriage of coal.

2) Close monitoring of recovery of outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards (SEBs) by holding regular meetings with the representatives of State Electricity Boards/Power Houses.

3) Meetings are also held with Secretaries of the concerned Ministries and Chief Secretaries of the States from time to time.

4) Adjustment of outstanding dues against traction bills done in respect of some SEBs Extension of facility of Electronic Payment Gateway to all major customers including SEBs during the coming years, has been announced in the Railway Budget for 2005-2006.